

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for improving efficiency of file receipt in a communication program, comprising:

sending a request for a first file from a communication program;

~~waiting a length of time for a receipt of said first file;~~

~~responsive to said length of time expiring before said receipt occurs, releasing a user interface of said communication program to request additional files while a background process waits for said first file; and~~

~~in response to receipt of said first file with said background process, encapsulating said first file in a message transmission and sending said message transmission to a target address.~~

in response to determining a predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has not expired, receiving said first file in said communication program; and

in response to determining said predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has expired, encapsulating said first file in a message transmission and sending said message transmission to a target address.

2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising, responsive to said predetermined length of time expiring ~~before said receipt occurs~~, detecting whether a user prefers to continue waiting for said ~~receipt~~ first file.

3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising setting said predetermined length of time in response to a configuration input.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising designating an email address as said target address.

5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising adjusting said predetermined length of time in response to a task priority of said communication program.

6. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said sending step further comprises sending from a hypertext browser.

7. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said sending step further comprises sending a request for a first file, which is a markup language file.

8. (currently amended) A system for improving efficiency of file receipt in a communication program comprising:

means for sending a request for a first file from a communication program;

~~means for waiting a length of time for a receipt of said first file;~~

~~means for, responsive to said length of time expiring before said receipt occurs, releasing a user interface of said communication program to request additional files while a background process waits for said first file;~~

~~means for receiving said first file with said background process;~~

means for determining whether a predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has expired;

means for receiving said first file in said communication program, if said predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has not expired;

means for encapsulating said first file in a message transmission, if said predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has expired; and

means for sending said message transmission to a target address.

9. (currently amended) The system of Claim 8, further comprising means for, responsive to said predetermined length of time expiring ~~before said receipt occurs~~, detecting whether a user prefers to continue waiting for said first file receipt.

10. (currently amended) The system of Claim 8, wherein said ~~means for waiting a length of time for a receipt of said first file~~ determining whether a predetermined length of time has expired further comprises means for configurably fixing said predetermined length of time.

11. (original) The system of Claim 8, further comprising means for designating an email address as said target address.

12. (original) The system of Claim 8, further comprising means for comprising adjusting said length of time in response to a task priority of said communication program.

13. (original) The system of Claim 8, wherein said communication program is a hypertext browser.

14. (original) The system of Claim 8, wherein said first file is a markup language file.

15. (currently amended) A computer program in a computer-readable medium for improving efficiency of file receipt in a communication program, comprising:

a computer-readable medium;

instructions on the computer readable medium for sending a request for a first file from a communication program;

~~instructions on the computer readable medium for waiting a length of time for a receipt of said first file;~~

~~instructions on the computer readable medium for, responsive to said length of time expiring before said receipt occurs, realizing a user interface of said communication program to request additional files while a background process waits for said first file;~~

~~instructions on the computer readable medium for receiving said first file with said background process;~~

~~instructions on the computer readable medium for encapsulating said first file in a message transmission; and~~

~~instructions on the computer readable medium for sending said message transmission to a target address.~~

in response to determining a predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has not expired, instructions on the computer-readable medium for receiving said first file in said communication program; and

in response to determining said predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has expired, instructions on the computer-readable medium for encapsulating said first file in a message transmission and sending said message transmission to a target address.

16. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 15, further comprising instructions on the computer readable medium for, responsive to said predetermined length of time ~~expiring before said receipt occurs~~, detecting whether a user prefers to continue waiting for said first file receipt.

17. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein said instructions for ~~waiting a length of time for a receipt of said first file~~ determining whether a predetermined length of time has expired further comprise instructions on the computer-readable medium for configurably fixing said predetermined length of time.

18. (original) The computer program product of Claim 15, further comprising instructions on the computer-readable medium for designating an email address as said target address.

19. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 15, further comprising instructions on the computer-readable medium for comprising adjusting said predetermined length of time in response to a task priority of said communication program.

20. (original) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein said communication program is a hypertext browser.

21. (original) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein said first file is a markup language file.